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PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS IN RUMANIA

The 1949 state plan envisions very important drillings, both for oil and for natural gas. In January 1949, in the Sancer Inclazei region the first rich layer of gas was found. This was at a depth of 135 meters, and at a pressure of 13 atmospheres.

Drilling is constantly being conducted in the Sanpaul-Ogra region in the valley of the Mures. Work was begun in the Tauni region (Tarnava-Mica), and only after a month was the first layer of gas found. This was at a depth of 195-240 meters, and at a pressure of 24 atmospheres. In June, in the Ilimbav-Agnita region a new layer was found at a depth of 350-407 meters, also at a pressure of 24 atmospheres. Drilling has also begun in the Noul-Sasesc region, where five borings have been made with a total depth of 5,701 meters. This depth was attained on 15 August 1949, which meant that the plan had been exceeded by 763 meters.

A new gas well was found in Vladeni (Prahova). It has an output of 100,000 cubic meters a day, which is equal to 10 carloads of bitumen.

As a result of the efforts of the government, the Party, and all the workers, the petroleum industry is equipped with raw materials and machinery such as cranes, rotary tables, metal towers, pumps, etc. Piecework wages have been introduced, resulting in both increased production and an increase in workers' wages.

The Soviet Union is constantly aiding the Rumanian oil industry. The Muntenia Company alone has received from the USER this year 92 tractors, 42 trucks and cars, 10 drill cranes, 36 engines, as well as rotary tables, hydraulic heads, pumps, 97 heavy supports, 180 dredges, 61 drill meters, dynamographs, etc. This made it possible for Muntenia in one year to increase its drilling by 57 percent, the average speed of drilling by 27 percent, the production of oils by 60 percent, and the output of naphtha by 8 percent. In addition, it made old fields more valuable and helped discover new ones.

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One difficulty which must be rectified immediately is that the directors have not made full use of the wide experience available in managing, organizing, and administering socialist enterprises.

Sovrospetrol has reopened dozens of oil test drillings.

In the Steagul Rosu plant a new machine has been manufactured for the petroleum industry. This is an intermediate machine, one which puts drilling installations into operation.

A huge new electric power plant is to be constructed in Moroieni, as well as a large petroleum refinery in Moldavia.

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